

**Amendment to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [11] with the following amended paragraph:

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Broadly, in another aspect, the present invention concerns an in-line roller skate for skating on a skating surface comprising a boot for supporting the foot of a user, a frame secured to the boot having a pair of parallel elongated slots in the forward portion of the frame, the slots having approximately vertical axes, a plurality of skating wheels rotatably mounted on the frame rearward of the slot for rotation in a common plane, at least one counter-rotatable braking device rotatably attached to the frame approximately in line with the axes of the slots, the braking device comprising means to allow rotation of the device in one direction and to resist rotation in the other direction, an axle slidably mounted in the slots, and at least one braking wheel mounted on the axle, such that the braking device and the braking wheel are in a common plane of rotation and such that when both the front skating wheel and the braking wheel are in contact with the skating surface, the braking wheel contacts the braking device at a point approximately vertically above the contact point between the braking wheel and the skating surface and wherein the braking device is oriented to allow rotation of the braking wheel against the skating surface in the forward skating direction and to resist rotation of the braking wheel against the skating surface in the reverse skating direction.

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